

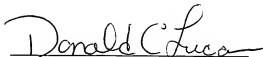
## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the claims to remove multiple dependencies for fee calculation purposes only.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald C. Lucas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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